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DISCOVER NEW NATURAL RESOURCES;
PLAN INCREASED EXPLOITATION

MACEDONIA RICH IN RESOURCES -- Zagreb, Vjesnik, 10 Jun 51

The most important mines in Macedonia are the Zletovo lead mine in Kratovo, the chrome mine in Radusa, the "Cer" manganese mine, the "Rabrovo" chrome mine, and the "Zivojno" and "Oslomej" lignite mines in Bitolj and Kicevo, respectively. In addition, some small lignite, quartz sand, onyx, marble, gypsum, and "liskuna" [not identified] mines are being exploited.

Large iron ore desposits were discovered in 1951 in Slepce in Demirhisar Srez, and in Tajmiste in Kicevo Srez. The quantity and quality of the ore in these sections predicate exploitation for a fairly long period of time.

Large deposits of coal were discovered in the Kicevo-Bitolj basin. As a result, exploitation of the "Oslomej" and "Zivojno" mines is to be expanded from the limited scale on which it has formerly been done. Work is also being done on expanding coal production in the "Katlanovo" and "Nerezi" mines near Skoplje, and the "Strezovci" mine near Kumanovo.

Kaolin is of special interest to the Macedonian economy. Large deposits of kaolin have been discovered in the vicinity of Pehcevo, Gradesnica in Bitolj Srez, Donja Solnja near Skoplje, and Velgosti in Strumica Srez. About 500,000 tons of kaolin are in Gradesnica, where the "Haloasin" mine has been opened. The ore here is resistant to a temperature as high as 1,750 degrees centigrade.

Deposits of cement marl have been found in Usije near Skoplje. This will assure raw material for the cement factory which is to be built here in the near future.

Large deposits of very good quality coal have been discovered near the "Zletovo" lead mine in the Kratovo ore basin.

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There are especially rich deposits of the nonmetal ore liskuna in the Prilep-Bitolj-Marihovo area. The richness of these deposits has made possible the planning of a large factory to make "mikanit" boards.

The first results of geological research in the Demir-Kapija, Kazan-Dole, and Kratovo areas show very rich deposits of good-quality copper. The quantities available have not yet been determined.

Deposits of tin, granite, and cyanite have been recorded. There are considerable deposits of kaolin in Tabanovac and Presevo in the Kumanovo area. Rich deposits of manganese have been found in Bistra Planina near Galicnik, but exploitation in a broad sense is not possible because of poor transportation connections.

GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH UNDER WAY AT LJUBIJA MINE -- Zagreb, Vjesnik, 10 Jun 51

Ljubija, 9 June -- Major geological research is under way this year at the Ljubija mine in northern Bosnia-Herzegovina. Although the geologists there do not wish to give any estimates of new deposits, it appears that rich deposits of iron ore have been discovered.

Geological research is especially important because, at present in some places, 2 tons of earth have to be excavated to obtain one ton of ore. Research is being done to discover deposits which are less expensive and more profitable to exploit.

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